



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 District 7 Fall Meeting
 Meeting Minutes

WCC Meeting Minutes
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ORDER OF BUSINESS	08/07/2018	7:00pm	Critters - Winneconne
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Dale Maas at 7:04
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	35 (All delegates listed on the roll call sheet were present except for those listed below WDNR Staff Present: Kendal Kamke, Travis Motl, Rachel Brookins, Chris Shea
EXCUSED	Tyler Smith, Wright Allen, David LaPine
UNEXCUSED	Note: Nancy Katzbeck- Marquette Cty no longer a delegate
GUESTS	None

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	No changes
ACTION	

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	None
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II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. DNR Staff Reports-Kendal Kamke and Travis Motl (Fisheries)

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<p>(Kendal)</p> <p>Spring surveys were conducted on the following lakes: Shawano-Waupaca Area; Weyauwega Mill Pond, Spencer Lake, Ogedensburg Pond. Wolf River Catfish surveys took place in June. Trout stream surveys included; Waupaca River, Whitcomb Creek, Peterson Creek, Little Wolf, and Radley Creek. Regulation proposals discussed; Hatch Lake Largemouth Bass, White Lake Northern Pike, Waupaca County Walleye Lakes, and Iola Millpond Panfish. Wautoma Area fish surveys on Little Green, Big Hills, Spring Lake, Huron and Napowan, Pine Lake, Hancock Lake, Bass Lake, and Birch Lake. Trout Stream surveys in Wautoma area included Chaffee, Lawrence, Pine, Willow, Kaminski, Jones, and West Branch of White. In August fish surveys will be conducted on shallow lakes near Plainfield as part of the Central Sands Lake Study. Habitat work included tree drops on Mt. Morris Lake and Long Lake and Fish Cribs on Pearl Lake. First round of Lake Winnebago Trawling was completed. There was a notable decline in forage base of YOY drum, trout perch, emerald shiners, gizzard shad, and white bass. Yellow perch bite on Winnebago has been good. There is a proposal for a walleye bag reduction from 5 to 3 and that is moving forward. The Walleye Reward Tag program continued for 2018. Funding has been secured for the Asylum Bay fish sticks project. Habitat projects for sturgeon included a rip-rap for sturgeon spawning near Clintonville, and construction of a trail below the Shawano Dam to make it safer to conduct fish surveys in the spring. DNR working on a survey to get public support for defining what a spear is. The DNR is not going to advance the proposed rule change on the use of cameras in the Sturgeon holes yet and will be doing more research on this. Will let this advance itself through the WCC. The Sturgeon Team is working on updating the Sturgeon plan.</p> <p>Mike Arrowood asked Kendal if he was queried about the resolutions on bowfishing and noodling for catfish. Kendal indicated that he had not received information on this. It was confirmed that it was ran through the congress and approved without going through the WCC, WDNR, and Natural Resources Board. Mike also questioned how size regulations were going to be enforced as you cannot release fish successfully after being speared such as for flathead catfish.</p>
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	Dale Maas asked for an update and more clarification on both the use of electronics and the definition of a spear for sturgeon spearing. Kendal provided an overview of where the DNR is on these subjects.	
	(Motl) Looking at changes in regulations for northern pike slot and a 10 fish bag for panfish on Lake Emily. The catfish proposal for Dodge County has been tabled because they wanted to do more research work on it. Dale Maas question as to why the WCC was not notified of the tabling of the Catfish proposals. This lead to quite a bit of discussion on communications between the DNR and the Congress county delegates when changes are made on resolutions introduced by the public.	
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

B. DNR Staff Reports-Rachael Brookins (Wildlife)

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Erin Grossman is the new Wildlife Biologist stationed in Berlin. Operation Deer Watch will take place in August and September to help determine fawn:doe ratios. Wild Wisconsin videos and podcasts will continue for the 2018 deer season. CDAC Update: May 2018 the NRB asked for a task force to review the operating procedures and to address specific areas of interest. The first working team meeting will be August 20. The final version of the CDAC Governance of Operations document and a report on the changes made will be presented at the Dec NRB meeting and made available to CDAC members in January. CWD Udate: Statewide surveillance plan still in draft form. Continue to use two types of surveillance (detection and surveillance). Continue to provide deer testing for hunters free of charge. Focus on sampling adult males because they are the highest risk for CWD. Will supplement sampling during the 9 day deer gun hunt. Elk Transportation: Trapping in 2015, 2016, and 2017 with trapping suspended in 2018. Anticipates trans-location efforts will resume in 2019. The first Wisconsin Elk hunt will take place in the Clam Lake range in 2018. 38,494 applications were received and four winners were selected. 2018 Migratory Bird Hunting Changes: 54 percent of geese taken in Horicon Zone in the 1980's of which Ontario migrants to less than 13 percent in the 2010;s. Waterfowl hunter survey of 3,000 indicated that only 2 percent would be opposed to eliminating the Horicon Zone, Canada goose daily bad increased from 2 a day to 3 a day. Regular Canada goose season will have a split season in the southern zone with second season occurring during Christmas and New Years. Wisconsin is participating with Michigan and Minnesota on a collaborative monitoring of Ruffed Grouse for West Nile Virus. Looking for hunters to help provide samples for testing. Sampling kits will be sent to DNR offices by early September. Wolf Population Status: 2.2 percent decline was the first in the last 25 years aside from the harvest seasons. The still remain on the Federal Endangered Species list.	
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C. DNR Staff Reports-Chris Shea (Law Enforcement)

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Changes will begin to be made to return Park Rangers to the State Parks and Conservation Wardens back to fish, wildlife, and other conservation related areas. This transition will not happen right away but done over a period of time. The DNR has hired Outdoor Skills Trainers to take over the job of Conservation Wardens. They will be working with hunter safety trainers, snowmobile trainers, and others in related safety areas. There are also two Outdoor Safety Wardens that will concentrate on recreational enforcement. There are 27 vacancies in the bureau of Law Enforcement. There are currently 17 recruits in the Warden Academy and hope to hire 5 sometime this fall.	
	Dale Maas asked if there was going to be an assignment of a warden to Dodge County because they are still currently without an assigned warden. There are currently 8 wardens from surrounding counties sharing the responsibility now which is not very efficient.	
	There was a question about how waters on the Winnebago system is currently patrolled using Sheriff deputies, Coast Guard, and WDNR and how this is being financed. Chris provided an overview of how this is currently being done.	
	Mike Arrowood questioned if there is a way of finding out what the County DA's are doing with fish and game violations. Is there a public record to find out the outcome of the arrests for fish and game violations, Chris indicated there is a way but it is not very easy to do. Other cases involving sexual assault or more serious violations are often	

	given a higher ranking in terms of importance in the courts.
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D. Wisconsin Conservation Congress Updates

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Dale Maas provided an update and information on the following: 1. Guidance on upcoming Committee meetings, attendance, agenda items, etc. 2. Committee Assignments: talked about current assignments and delegate responsibilities. A reminder about not taking a position on any item that is not currently on the agenda. 3. Discussion on the evaluations forms and the need to fill them out and get them turned in. 4. Delegate reimbursement is still .40 cents per mile for 2018. 5. Discussion on the format for submitting WCC Meeting Minutes and requirements for submitting the minutes of committee meetings. A question came up of reimbursement forms need to be signed and if a printed and signed copy could be scanned and submitted electronically. We felt it was OK but they should check if in doubt. 6. Reminder that delegates should not carry their own agenda into special advisory committees. Should represent the citizens of the state through their resolutions. Encouraged delegates to read and be familiar with the WCC Code of Procedures. 7. Unexcused absences: responsibility of delegates to call the chair and let them know if they are unable to make a meeting. The new change in COP also says that you need to respond if you are "ABLE" to attend. A question was asked if an approved absence counts against a quorum. The answer given is that it does and the quorum is based on those present and does not include approved absences. 8. Sexual Harassment training: make sure to complete the online training on sexual harassment for delegates. 9. Survey forms on options for potential license fee increases were collected and will be sent to Kari. There was clarification on the trapping fee and potential use of this fee increase. A question came up about how much more it would cost to receive a bear permit based on the years it would take to receive a kill tag. Should there be a maximum fee or uniform total application fee to receive a kill tag based on the difference in zones? It was brought up that it should not be grouped into one answer at the end. Each question or fee increase should be weighed separately and not grouped together at the end. 10. Conservation Chronicle is available online for the current issue. Delegates were encouraged to submit articles for publication in the Chronicle. 11. There is a Power-point presentation and other materials available for delegates that would be willing to make presentations to hunting, fishing, sportsman's clubs, and other civic clubs and organizations. 12. The next WCC Youth Delegate meeting will be in October. A statewide calendar of events is also available. It was brought up that we should look at the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation age requirements for junior delegates because we lose our junior delegates when they graduate from high school. It would be good to keep them as long as they are in school such as colleges. It would be good to keep junior delegates for a longer time period.	
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E. Additional Items and Communications -Dale Maas

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	1. Letter from Chairman Bonde - Thank you on donation of bucket raffle for annual meeting. 2. Dale talked about the educational trailer that the WCC takes to different events and youth events such as the Heritage Education Expo. We are building a new trailer and are looking for donations of money or mounts and other items to be placed in the trailer.	
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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Bob Haase reported that he made presentation on the WCC to various civic groups like Kiwanis and Optimists and that only two people in each group was familiar with or heard the name WCC. Even within the hunting and fishing groups most members never heard of the WCC. We need to do more to publicize who we are and what we do. Discussion followed on how we could promote the WCC and do outreach. Mike Arrowood brought up people talking about CWD and other issues and indicating the position of the WCC on these issues. How do we find the position of the WCC on such issues? Dale tried to explain ways of finding out the
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	<p>position of the WCC.</p> <p>After adjournment there was a gathering some delegates to gather input on the CDAC task force.</p> <p>Green Lake County: Lake Puckaway now has Zebra Mussels. Linda DeNell donated \$50 for the trailer.</p> <p>Dodge: Idea that maybe some delegates might consider stepping down if there is a youth delegate that would like to continue as a delegate but can't continue as a youth delegate because of age.</p> <p>Mike Arrowood discussed Round Gobies and his planned presentation to the NRB on the issue and the Menasha Dam.</p>
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IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	9:26pm
SUBMITTED BY	Robert Haase
DATE	08/19/2018